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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed June 20, 2008 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive. Essentially, applicant argues that Takeda teaches solvent levels of 70-120% which is outside of the claimed range. This argument is not persuasive. The examiner maintains that Takeda teaches that 70-120% solvent levels were found to produce good films at high production rates (i.e. greater than 40 m/min). The context of Takeda makes it clear that levels of less than 40% are adequate and conventional for lower production rates. The instant claims do not require the high production rates of Takeda, but only require a production rate of greater than 10 m/min. Further and importantly, Takeda is not used alone. Shimizu is applied for the teaching of producing thinner films within the claimed solvent level ranges and for the teaching regarding determining and optimizing solvent levels. As such, the examiner maintains the combination teaches a method of producing a cast film that meets the claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY WOLLSCHLAGER whose telephone number is (571)272-8937. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:45 - 4:15, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson can be reached on 571-272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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